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1810-25/1850-51

738-722 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

738 and 722 S. Charles St. (the two corner houses) are the oldest houses on this side of the 700 block of S. Charles St., having been built in the period between 1810 and 1825, or perhaps earlier. 738 S. Charles St. is two and a half stories in height, four bays wide on S. Charles St. and two bays wide on W. Montgomery St., with a dormer window facing both streets. The first floor area most recently served as a local grocery and there is a late, corner storefront entrance set diagonally to the corner of S. Charles and Montgomery Streets. 722 S. Charles St. is a two and a half story, two bay wide brick house built by a local house carpenter, Thomas Hollingsworth, that shows the one room deep floor plan used in the earliest Federal-style houses built in the area. The remaining houses on the street are all three stories in height and two bays wide. All were originally built with gable roofs, like the present-day 734, 732, 730, 726, and 724 S. Charles St., but 728 and 736 S. Charles St. were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. This group of three story houses was built in 1850-1851 to serve as combination storefront/residences for the increasing number of small shopkeepers moving into the area to meet the needs of the growing population.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

726 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ DETERIORATED☐ GOOD☐ RUINS☐ FAIR☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story gable roofed structure was built between 1849 and 1851 as part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. Like most of its neighbors, its first floor has been converted into a shop front.

The house is a full three stories in height, 14' wide and extends back on its lot . It is constructed in running bond. The house has a low-pitched gable roof with a rectangular-shaped chimney along its south side. There is a simple brick cornice. The window openings of the second floor have segmentally arched brick lintels and wood sills; those of the third floor have flat wooden lintels and sills. No sash remains and the openings are boarded.

The first floor has been completely altered by the addition of a three-sided projecting bay constructed of concrete block. It has but a single small window. This recent structure seems to have replaced an older glass store front. The extremely deteriorated wooden bracket cornice of the earlier store front still survives above the present concrete bay. It consists of a simple crown molding supported by carved modillions, with a plain freize beneath.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Wight

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of three story gable roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commercial structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents. An early occupant, John Radecke, operated as a carpenter from this location.¹ A later owner of the house, a Raphael Davis, opened a second-hand clothing store here in 1876.²

The house was built by William Wight as part of a row of such houses extending from 724 to 730 S. Charles St. The house has recently been sold by the City to a private owner and hopefully will soon be restored.

¹ Baltimore City Directory, 1864

² Ibid., 1878

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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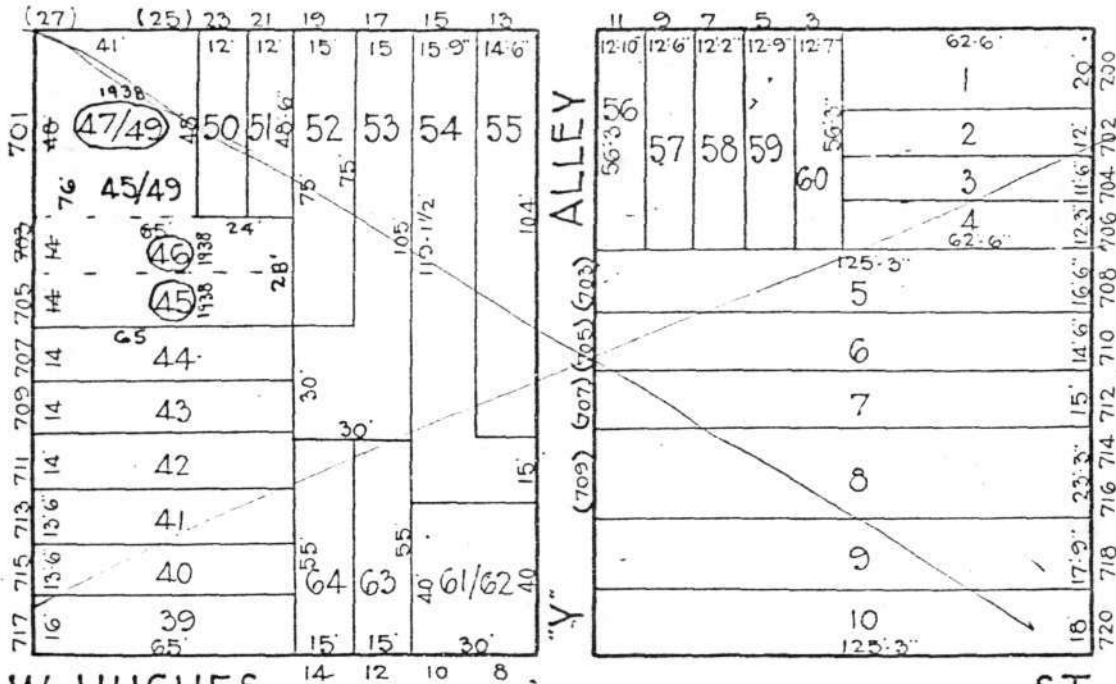
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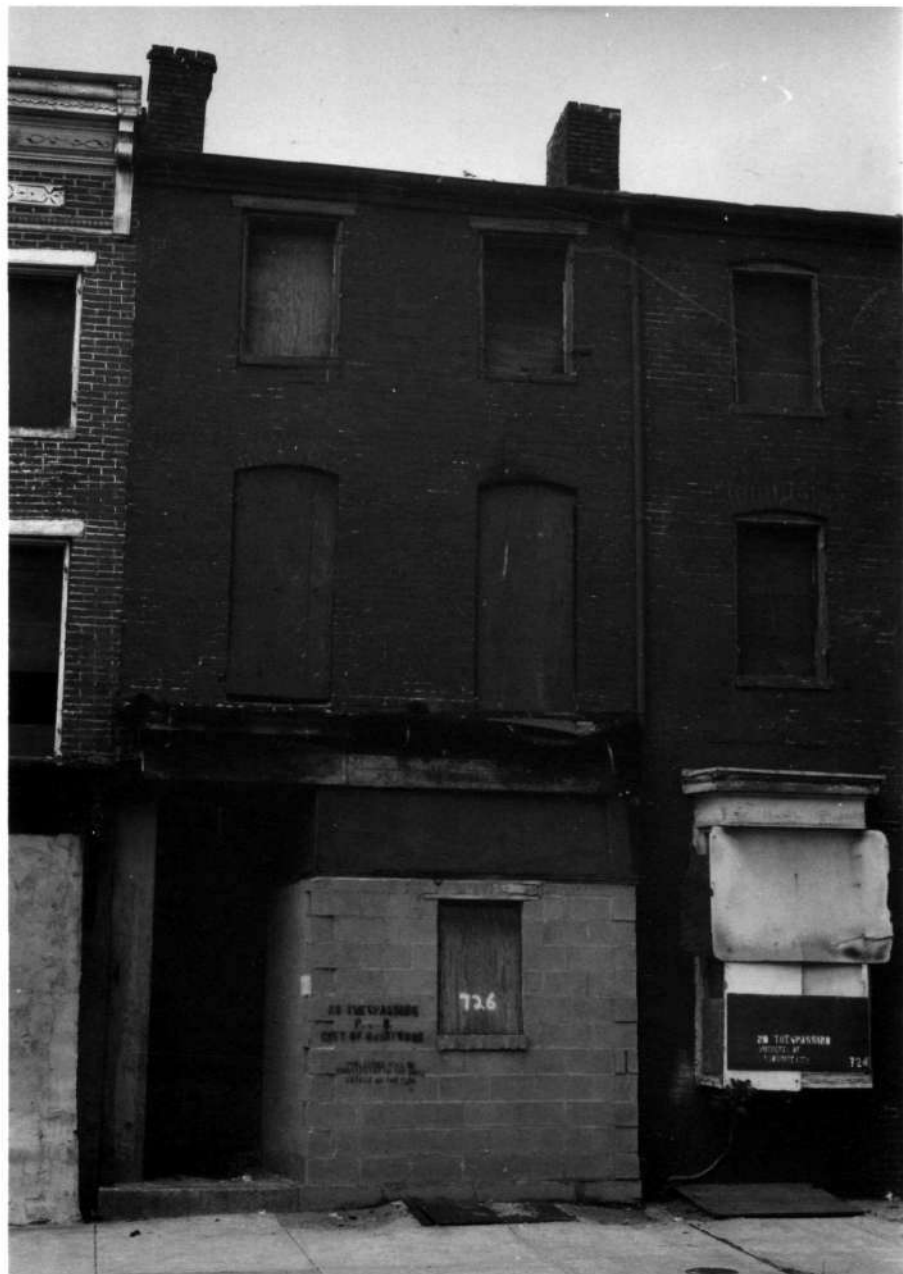
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W. MONTGOMERY

ST.

B-3013
726 S. Charles Street
Block 0895 Lots 013
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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726

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T24

B-3013 726 S. Charles St.

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East elevation